

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

Please cancel claim 10 without prejudice or disclaimer

Listing of Claims:

1.-9. (Cancelled)

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) A tire tread rubber composition as claimed in claim 2140, wherein said conjugated diene-based rubber gel has a Mooney viscosity ML <sub>1+4</sub> (100°C) of 90 to 140.

12. (Currently Amended) A tire tread rubber composition as claimed in claim 2140, wherein said conjugated diene-based rubber gel includes 48.9 to 98.9% by weight of a conjugated diene monomer unit, 50 to 1% by weight of an aromatic vinyl monomer unit and 0.1 to 1.5% by weight of a polyfunctional vinyl monomer unit.

13. (Currently Amended) A tire tread rubber composition as claimed in claim 2140, wherein said rubber composition further contains 10 to 150 parts by weight of carbon black having a nitrogen absorption specific surface area N<sub>2</sub>SA of 70 to 350 m<sup>2</sup>/g and 0 to 150 parts by weight of silica.

14.-20. (Cancelled)

21. (Currently Amended) A tire tread rubber composition as claimed in claim 10, comprising 20 to 95 parts by weight of an aromatic vinyl-conjugated diene copolymer rubber (A), 5 to 50 parts by weight of a conjugated diene-based rubber gel (B) having a toluene swelling index of 16 to 70 and 0 to 50 parts by weight of another diene-based

rubber (C), wherein the total weight of rubber is 100 parts by weight and wherein the copolymer rubber (A) has a glass transition temperature TgA (°C) of -40°C to -5°C and  
wherein said TgA and TgB satisfy the following formula (2):

$$0 \leq TgA - TgB \leq 8 \quad (2).$$